

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

R&B Department – Nalgonda District – Re-construction of collapsed High Level Bridge at Kangal in Km. 151/2 of Mahaboobnagar – Nalgonda road in Nalgonda district – Contractual work let out to M/s. P. Narasimha Rao & Co. – Change in scope of work – Closure of Contract – Orders – Issued.

TRANSPORT, ROADS AND BUILDINGS (ROADS.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1584

Dated: 24th October, 2008.
Read the following:-

1. From the Chief Engineer (R&B) Roads, Lr.No. Floods/TA.12/AEE2/ 2000, dt. 21-1-2006.
2. Govt. Memo. No. 1112/R.III(1)/2006-2, T.R&B.(R.III) Dept., dt. 5-5-2006.
3. From the Chief Engineer (R&B) Roads, Lr.No. 51205/TA.12/AEE2/ 2005, dt. 22-6-2006.
4. From Engineer-in-Chief (R&B) State Roads, Hyd., Lr.No.51205/DEE8/ AE2/2005, dated 30-9-2008 along with the copy representation of Managing Partner M/s. P. Narasimha Rao & Co., dt. 23-7-2008 addressed to Hon'ble Minister for R&B.

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ORDER:

In the reference first read above, the Chief Engineer (R&B) Roads, Hyd., has requested to accord administrative sanction for Rs. 400.00 lakhs under Plan for re-construction of collapsed High Level Bridge at Kangal of 16v of 16.50 span in Km. 151/2 of Mahaboobnagar – Nalgonda road in Nalgonda district, as part of the existing bridge was sunken and badly damaged due to flash floods on 28.10.2005 in the catchment area of Kangal river.

- 2) In the reference second read above, Government have agreed in principle to take up the re-construction of High Level Bridge at Kangal of 16v of 16.50 span in Km. 151/2 of Mahaboobnagar – Nalgonda district during 2006-07 under Non-Plan.
- 3) In the reference third read above, the Chief Engineer (R&B) Roads, Hyderabad has stated that the budget under Non-plan (State Highways) is mainly meant for maintenance of roads and renewals of B.T. roads and requested to accord administrative sanction for Rs. 400.00 lakhs under Plan/HUDCO scheme.
- 4) In the reference fourth read above, the Engineer-in-Chief (R&B) State Roads, Hyderabad while reiterating the contents in the references from first to third cited, has stated that it was decided to take up the work from the FDR Grant of Rs. 40.00 Crores allotted to the department vide G.O.Rt.No.1392, Revenue (Disaster Management.I) Department, dated 22-6-2006. Accordingly, the estimate was technically sanctioned for an amount of Rs. 400.00 lakhs vide C.E.(R&B) Roads T.S.Memo.No.36/TA-12/AEE-2/2006-07, dt. 4-9-2006. The work was let out to M/s. P. Narasimha Rao & Co., for a tender Contract value of Rs.2,86,37,371.15 at 3.33% excess on the estimate contract value of Rs.2,77,14,479.00 based on SSR 2006-07 with a stipulation to complete the work within twelve (12) months.

- 5) The Engineer-in-Chief (R&B) State Roads, Hyderabad has further stated that the Agency M/s. P. Narasimha Rao & Co. in their representation addressed to Hon'ble Minister for R&B have stated that they have done the works such as Abutments (both), Piers (6 Nos.), Deckslabs (6 spans) and widening of approaches valuing Rs. 1.27 Crores. But, expressed their inability to do the balance work with

open foundations as per sanctioned estimate due to heavy seepage problem. Even after engaging many number of heavy pumps, generators, vacuum pumps for a period of about of four (4) months incurring huge expenditure, they could excavate the foundations upto 1 meter depth only. The huge expenditure incurred to overcome heavy seepage problem has become unfruitful. The agency has further stated that with the prevailing conditions, it is not possible to take up the balance work duly reporting that (i) the scope of the work is being changed from open foundations to well foundations; and (ii) during this one year and six months period, there is an abnormal increase in prices in both men and material; and (iii) they have no mechanism to tackle the well foundations and that they would have not participated in tendering, if well foundations were proposed at tender stage itself. The Agency have requested for closure of Contract and further promised that they will not approach any court of law or file any arbitration, if the contract is closed and finalise the accounts to the extent of work done along with refund of security deposit.

6) The Engineer-in-Chief (R&B) State Roads, Hyderabad has also stated that he inspected the bridge site along with S.E.(R&B) Designs and Planning, and it was proposed to go for well foundations in place of open foundations due to presence of uncontrollable seepage from all round the foundation trenches. The prevailing site conditions are not permitting the contractor to proceed with the approved open foundations and became inevitable to go for well foundations for the balance work. Thus, the scope of work is totally changed and the contractor has also expressed difficulty and unwillingness to execute the balance work with changed design. Hence, he has requested to communicate orders in the matter.

7) Government after careful examination of the above matter, hereby agree for the closure of the Contractual work let out to M/s. P. Narasimha Rao & Co., towards "re-construction of collapsed High Level Bridge at Kangal in Km. 151/2 of Mahaboobnagar – Nalgonda road in Nalgonda district", due to change in the scope of work, and finalise the accounts to the extent of work done.

8) The Engineer-in-Chief (R&B) State Roads, Hyderabad is requested to take necessary further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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